

I. STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

The following is Applicant's Statement of Substance of Interview held with the Examiner of Record in the above-identified application on January 30, 2008.

The Examiner stated to Applicant's representative that an Advisory Action was recently submitted for review and mailing in response to Applicant's Request for Reconsideration filed on January 7, 2008.

Applicant's representative presented to the Examiner proposed claim amendments for a potential Supplemental Amendment presented with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicants' proposed amendment relates to the "activation" of a controllable parameter by the user at the fixed reference point before an adjustment value is changed during the claimed sliding operation. Applicant's representative demonstrated that this proposed limitation is supported in Applicant's Specification at page 7, lines 21-23 and page 8, lines 6-8, for example.

Applicant's representative presented language similar to the following:

"wherein said adjustment value is controlled after said fixed reference position is depressed by a touch operation."

The Examiner stated in the Interview Summary given to Applicant at end of the Examiner Interview that, "amendments detailing operation upon the user pressing the fixed reference position would better define over the prior art." Applicant agrees.

II. REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are all the claims presently pending in this application. Claims 1, 11 and 20 have been amended to more particularly define the claimed invention. Claims 21-24 have been added to claim additional features of the claimed invention.

Applicant's amendments to the claims and presentation of new claims are intended to raise new issues for examination and therefore prevent the issuance of a First Action Final Rejection.

III. FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-24, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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